

HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 12 January 2022

The BOD meeting was held 12 January on zoom. The NAS Oceana O'Club was unexpectedly closed. CO Rick Rudell called the meeting to order at 1600. The following board members were present: John Allen, Carroll Bains, Doug Williams, Charles Walker, and Rick Rudell. Fred Metz, Jim Dobberteen, Judy Ready, and Tom Jillson were absent.

1. **Secretary's Report** – Rick Rudell – The November minutes were approved and posted on the web site.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Jim Dobberteen distributed the Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2021, before the meeting. The P&W chalet donation was placed in the proper account. The 2021 donation check from Learning Curve Entertainment (Derek Leonidoff's Company who performs the Aviation programs at the NAM Park during the summer) was lost in the mail. Derek is reissuing the check. The General and Monument Funds continue to be adequately funded.
3. **Membership Report** – Doug Williams discussed an excel spread sheet of the 351 HRANA members. Board members were again asked to review the list in detail and note the names of those who are no longer members, including the deceased. Send Doug the names for deletion from the roster.
4. **Plans and Programs** – Rick Rudell – The Flight Suit Social and Christmas Launch event at the LSO School was held on December 3 @1630. The event also welcomed CDR Tom Jillson (F/A-18E pilot and Vinson Mini-Boss) as OINC of the LSO School and newest member of the HRANA BOD. The social went very well, with an attendance of 30 people. A special BZ to all involved with our first in-person social event in almost 2 years. An email announcing the social was distributed to membership by our email provider mailchimp on November 10.
5. **PAO Report** – Rick Rudell – Rick submitted an article for the Wings of Gold Fall/Winter combined issue highlighting the squadron's participation in the POW/MIA National Recognition Day at the Flame of Hope Memorial Park on September 17. This article will be used for the Spring issue due to space constraints in the combined issue. An additional article about the F-14 Tribute Dedication on September 16 submitted by Mike Maus, CNAL PAO, was included in the recent issue.
6. **Monument Report** – Carroll Bains - Jim Smith will determine board whitener requirements, e.g. the Intruder board, at the NAM in the spring. Another diamond level plaque was completed for installation in March. The last Donor Wall still has plenty of room for more plaques. HRANA has approved a request

from WAVY TV-10 to periodically use the WEBCAM output for local weather reports. WAVY has agreed to credit the source of the video on their productions.

7. **Luncheons** – New covid restrictions continue to curtail efforts to initiate a new hybrid program for having a presentation followed by happy hour at the Oceana O’Club. The BOD will continue to pursue this possibility.

8. Old Business

- BOD Openings – There are 5 open positions on the board: CO, Admin, Operations, PAO, and Website Administration. Please contact a board member and/or attend a BOD meeting if you are interested in one of these positions.
- Proposed Organizational Changes – a committee will soon be working on the proposed changes, along with the PDL initiative.
- “MailChimp” is now the primary squadron group email tool, with a current list of 288+ members. Fred sent out the initial “HRANA News/Updates” email on July 8 to those on the group list. The email is **from “HRANA Board”**. This email is now distributed periodically to inform members of current and upcoming events, such as the Flight Suit Social.
- Flame of Hope – The flame has been extinguished for the past 4 months as the result of a gas leak. The Virginia Beach Jaycees are leading the effort to upgrade the memorial park and to restore the flame to operating condition in cooperation with the Virginia Natural Gas Company. For more information and to see how you can help the VB Jaycees restoration efforts, visit **VBFlameofHope.com**.

9. New Business

- Flight Suit Social and Christmas Launch Event. See item 4 above.
- The board had initial discussions regarding potential activities with local NROTC and NJROTC Units. Rick will contact the PNSs (Professors of Naval Science) for the Carolina Consortium and ODU/Hampton NROTC units to access interest.
- Discussions regarding airwing homecomings (i.e., fly-ins) and VFA-106 patching ceremonies were tabled until the next board meeting.
- The Intruder Reunion will be held on April 20-24 April in Norfolk, VA. Visit the website intruderassociation.org for more details.
- Judy Ready resigned from the BOD to prepare for a move to northern Virginia to be near her children. We thank her for all her hard work over many years to make HRANA so successful. May she have fair winds and following seas in the next chapter of her life’s journey.
- Aircraft Carrier Centennial – The Navy League is sponsoring an event on 21 March. ANA wanted to know if HRANA would contribute funds to the event. After much discussion we decided that this request exceeded the scope of our funding protocols.

10. **CO Comments** –.Great effort by those squadron members who made the flight suit social a resounding success. We finally have some momentum to return to normal.

11. **Next Meeting – March 9, 2022 @1600, at the NAS Oceana O'Club**

12. **Adjourned - 1730**